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ground, and the following article table; the room became as silent as tempted villainy, of the well-known character;

Bereft of the sense of sight since toddling infancy, "Blind Billie" has developed the remaining four-he claims the remaining five until he does not seem to feel the deprication. Does not seem? It is a down-drooped smile that accompanies the word. There is just the faintest, most fillyconcealed quaver in the voice when ie makes this statement, and the fingers seem to grope out for something unattainable.

William Brooks is not as most blind men are, dependent upon others for the little ministrations which boom days of this camp. Billie is people with sight perform for themselves. He is more given to aiding than to being aided. He is more helpful that helped.

> Everybody in Reno, almost everybody in Nevada, knows Blind Billy, who has just groped his way back from somewhere in the southern country. And Billy knows everybody. The voice, the handshake, the very presence of people who salute him, give him instantly a clue to their identity and there is scarce a moment of hesitation before he pronounces the name of one whom he has not "seen" for years.

> The word "seen" is advisedly used. for Billie takes the initiative; "I am glad to see you again," is his greeting, and he does see in all respects save color, for his remaining senses make up the other lacks.

"May I use your typewriter? his first request upon entering a printshop, and the modern stenographer, no matter how well she has developed the touch system, might

Billie always has a dog with him. His dogs come and go, and perhaps them are gone, for they usually are mangy-looking brutes, without friends. That is why they tie to Billie and

Some years ago Billie and one of his canine acquisitions climbed to depleted. However, the woman is the summit of Winnemucca moun-How they made the ascent nobody knows, but they made the trip, and the dog whined dolefully when Billie departed from Winne-

A few days later a party of pros pectors visited the summit and there, at the base of the flagpole, they found the carcass of the dog. He had wearlly awaited the return of his master, and sought him in their parting place, the mountain summit. Friends of Blind Billie remember tragic period in the history of Tonopah, which was lightened by a little incident that gripped the heart. Billie was playing the piane in a gambling hall when the plague visited the camp. A woman was singing Back of Shemanski's Jewelry Store paniment. She had been good to him, sharing her nightly wage before he became also an earner. Her hand guided him through the streets. When Billie was ill she nursed him and her affection was as that of a

sister toward a brother who needed One night when the "black" sickness was sorrowing the camp, the woman did not appear at the accustomed hour to entertain the miners who thronged the hall. Billie sat alone on the orchestra platform. He was there to play but not to sing His flugers wandered idly over the keys and his heart throbbed for the woman who had been visited with from chord to chord, he struck the prelude to a song that was popular in those days, and he sang: "I'm Wearing My Heart Away for You." Only those who heard the sweet ress and the sadness, the longing and the prayer in his voice as the simple little ballad was sung, can

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from the Gazette should prove inter-though unoccupied, despite the fact esting to friends and acquaintances that hundreds of rough-looking men, ture, "Rube Marquard Wins." seeking pleasure and forgetfulness of the plague, were gathered there. It was one of the most dramatic scenes in the thrilling history of No- chid Pasha is expected to arrive tovada, but Blind Billie sang on oblivi- day from Ouchy, Switzerland, bearous of the people who hung upon his ing important documents connected words. He did not seem to realize with the Turco-Italian peace negotiathat the customary applause was tions which have been proceeding lacking. He was only doing the best there. He represented the Ottoman he could to fill the post and earn government during the conferences the stipend that might mean the with the Italian delegates. recovery of the woman who had be-

> friended him. There have been songs in many keys in many camps, but none who were gathered in that gambling hall where laughter flaunted the sudden and mysterious death, will ever forget how Blind Billie sang "I'm Wearing My Heart Away for You."

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